

SENATE No. 517

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to improve access to alcohol and other drug clinical services

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	Second Suffolk and Middlesex
Richard T. Moore	Worcester and Norfolk
John A. Hart, Jr.	First Suffolk
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00642 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG CLINICAL SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out the last paragraph, inserted by section 1 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:- For the purposes of this section, "licensed
4 mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of
5 psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed
6 mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol
7 and drug counselor I.

8 SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
9 striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 2 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and
10 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:- For the purposes of this section, "licensed
11 mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of
12 psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed

13 mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol
14 and drug counselor I.

15 SECTION 3. Section 8A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
16 striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 4 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and
17 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:- For the purposes of this section, "licensed
18 mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of
19 psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed
20 mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed alcohol
21 and drug counselor I.

22 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
23 striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 6 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000,
24 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:- For the purposes of this section,
25 "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the
26 practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a
27 licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed
28 alcohol and drug counselor I.

29 SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by
30 striking out the next to last paragraph, inserted by section 10 of chapter 80 to the acts of 2000,
31 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:- For the purposes of this section,
32 "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the
33 practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a

- 34 licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed
- 35 alcohol and drug counselor I.